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WHO'S WHO

PREVIOUSLY...

THE COLLISION OF TWO WORLDS HAS CRASHED TO A CLOSE!

When we last left off, our heroes were searching the depths of Dr. Eggman's ultimate weapon, the Death Egg, in hopes of finding their teammate-turned-killer-robot, Sally Acorn!

With the help of Silver the Hedgehog, our heroes were able to shut down Mecha Sally before she could cause any major damage. The celebration was cut short by Eggman, who initiated the Genesis Wave which threw Sonic into a cross-dimensional adventure!

Super Sonic used Chaos Control in order to revert the world back to the way it was, but Dr. Eggman interfered and distorted Sonic's technique. The fate of Sonic's universe has since remained a mystery, **A MYSTERY WHICH WILL NOW BE REVEALED...**



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE



MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST BUD



DR. EGGMAN
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS



NICOLE THE LYNX
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AT ALL COSTS

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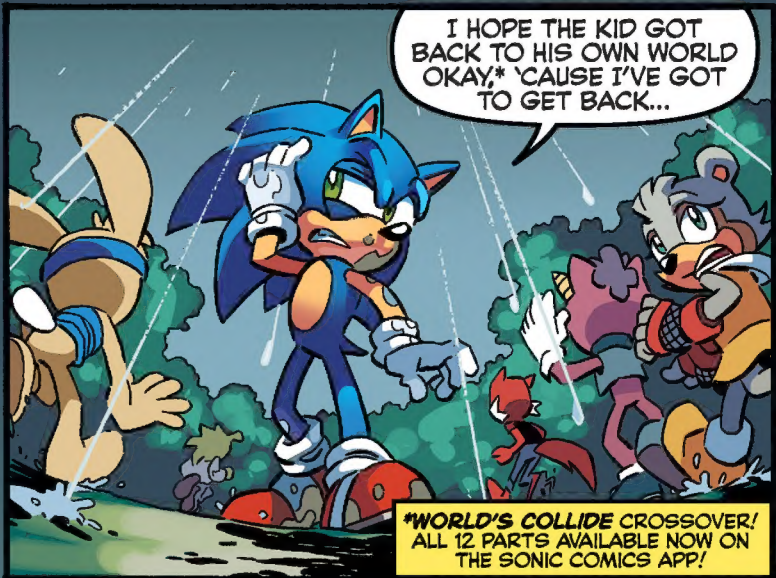
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--EDITOR

**MOBOTROPOLIS,
WESTSIDE ISLAND**

Ugh... FEELS LIKE
MY BRAIN'S DOING
A SPIN DASH IN
MY SKULL...



I HOPE THE KID GOT
BACK TO HIS OWN WORLD
OKAY,* 'CAUSE I'VE GOT
TO GET BACK...



***WORLD'S COLLIDE CROSSOVER!
ALL 12 PARTS AVAILABLE NOW ON
THE SONIC COMICS APP!**

...TO
BUSINESS?



SONIC! YOU
TOOK A NASTY
HIT! ARE YOU
OKAY?



**MILES "TAILS"
PROWER
HIGH FLYING HERO**

I'M BACK IN THE CITY.
OUTSIDE. AND THERE'S
A MONSTER-THING.

WHY?





YOU GOT HIT **BAD**. HOW MANY FINGERS AM I HOLDING UP? CAN YOU REMEMBER MY NAME?

THREE, **TAILS**, AND I'M FINE.

IT'S THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT STOPPED MAKING SENSE!



Uh-HUH. IF YOU'RE UP TO IT, LET'S GET BACK TO SAVING THE CITY.

SURE, I MEAN-- **HOLD ON A SECOND!** WHERE'S AMY AND SILVER?

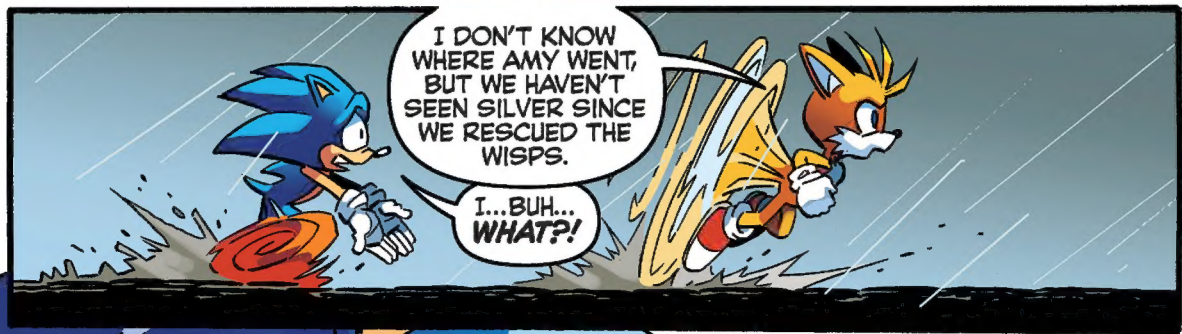
WE WERE **JUST ON THE DEATH EGG** ABOUT TO RESCUE SALLY!



RESCUE **SALLY?**

WE CAME HERE TO FOLLOW-UP ON NICOLE AND SAVE KING ACORN. THIS THING WAS ALREADY ATTACKING WHEN WE ARRIVED!*

* SEE **STH#...** WAIT A MINUTE...



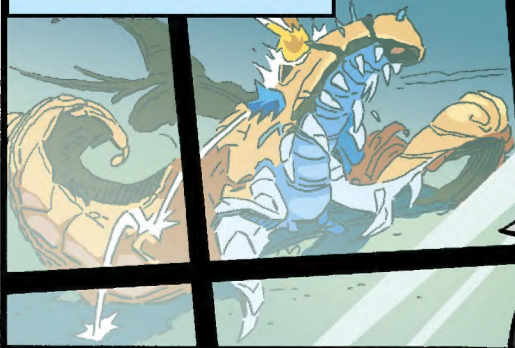
I DON'T KNOW WHERE AMY WENT, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN SILVER SINCE WE RESCUED THE WISPS.

I...BUH... **WHAT?!**



REWIND A SECOND!
IF WE'RE BACK IN THE CITY AND HERE TO SAVE THE KING...

"...DOES THAT MEAN
NAUGUS IS INVOLVED?"



CURSE IT ALL!
FIRST EGGMAN SENDS
HIS CREATIONS AFTER ME,
THEN THE QUICKSTER
ARRIVES!

SERVES YOU
RIGHT, **WALLY**. TERROR-
IZING THE CITIZENS, LYING
AND MANIPULATING YOUR
WAY TO THE CROWN!

DON'T
LECTURE ME,
AND NEVER
CALL ME
THAT!

THIS
WOULDN'T
BE AN ISSUE
IF YOU MADE
GOOD ON
YOUR
PROMISE!

NAUGUS
USURPER &
EX-WIZARD

NICOLE
ADVANCED A.I.,
FREEDOM
FIGHTER

HURRY UP AND
FINISH MAKING THAT
SUPER RING SO I CAN
RESTORE MY MAGIC!

I TOLD YOU--
I'M NOT SURE I
CAN MAKE ONE.

THEN
I WILL
FIND
SOME
OTHER
WAY!

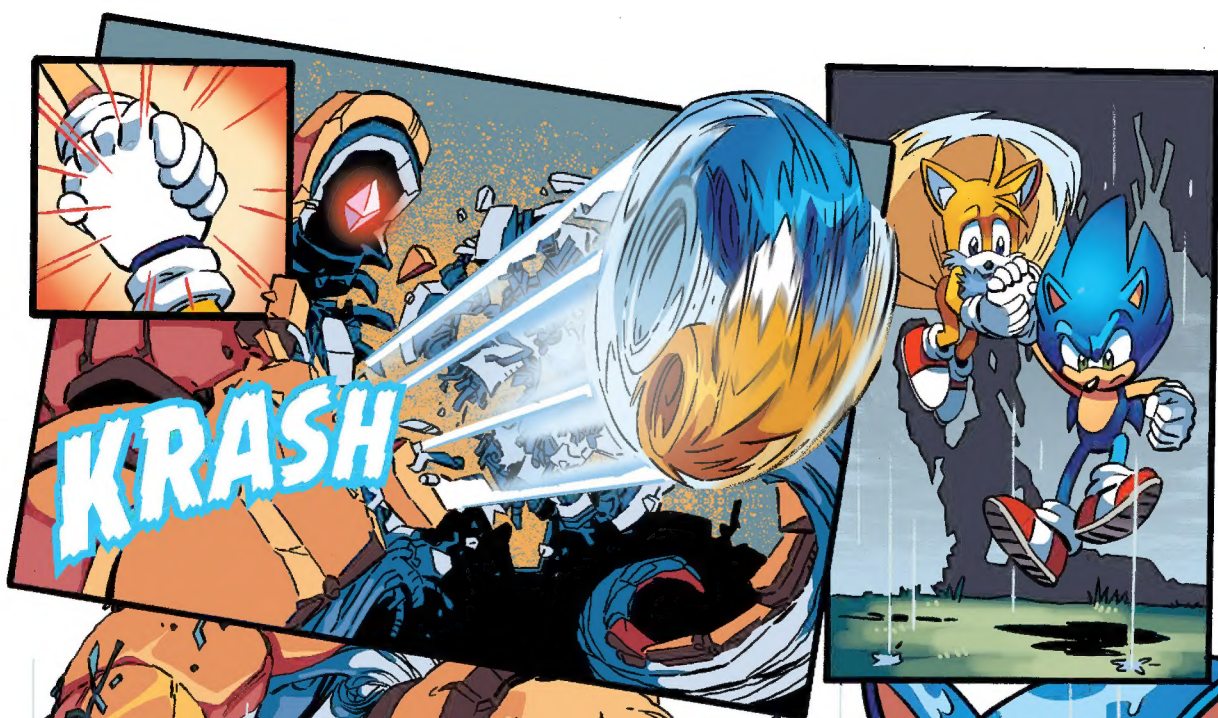
IN THE
NEXT FIVE
MINUTES?

GRRRRR!!
YOU'LL FINISH
THAT RING OR I'LL
MAKE YOU--!









KRASH

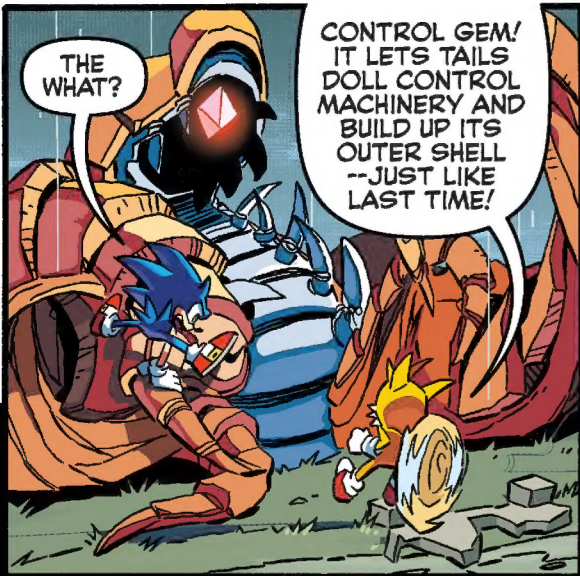
WHAT THE...?

IT'S ABSORBING ALL THE... STUFF? WHERE ARE ALL THE NANITES THAT MAKE UP THE CITY?

WHAT NANITES?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. MY POINT BEING, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH DAMAGE WE DO, BECAUSE TALL, DARK AND GRUESOME CAN REBUILD HIMSELF OUT OF ANYTHING.

RIGHT! WE NEED TO FIND THE CONTROL GEM!



THE WHAT?

CONTROL GEM!
IT LETS TAILS
DOLL CONTROL
MACHINERY AND
BUILD UP ITS
OUTER SHELL
--JUST LIKE
LAST TIME!



THANKS FOR THE LESSON,
PROFESSOR. NOW HOW
ABOUT TELLING ME **WHAT**
IT LOOKS LIKE!?

IT'S A
SHINY RED
GEM! THE
SAME AS
ALWAYS!



OH! I THINK I SAW
IT IN ITS MAYBE-
ITS-HEAD-PART.

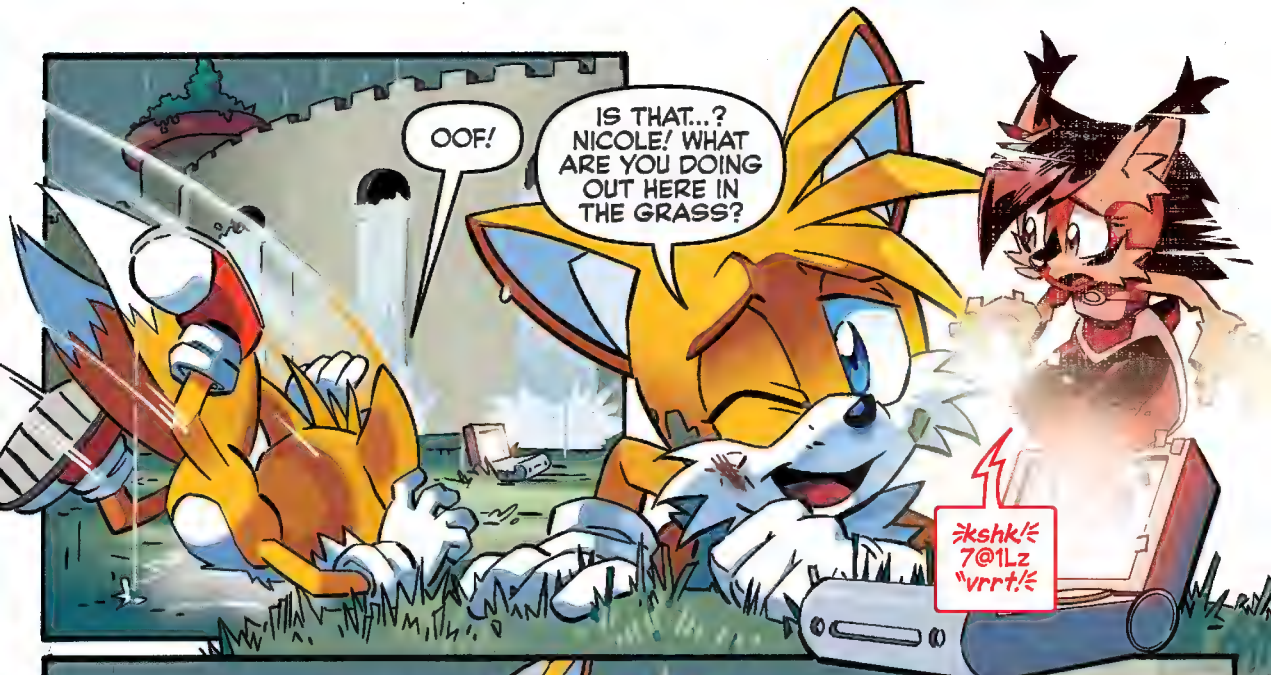
GREAT!
I'LL GET US
UP THERE AS
QUICK AS I
CAN--



VWOOSH

YOW!

AAHHH!



OOF!

IS THAT...? NICOLE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE IN THE GRASS?

!kshk!@
7@1Lz
!vrrt!@



ARE YOU DAMAGED?

THAT SOUNDS BAD. IS IT JUST THE SPEAKER? WE COULD REALLY USE YOU AGAINST TAILS DOLL.

!shhk!@
3RrOR
!zzkt!@

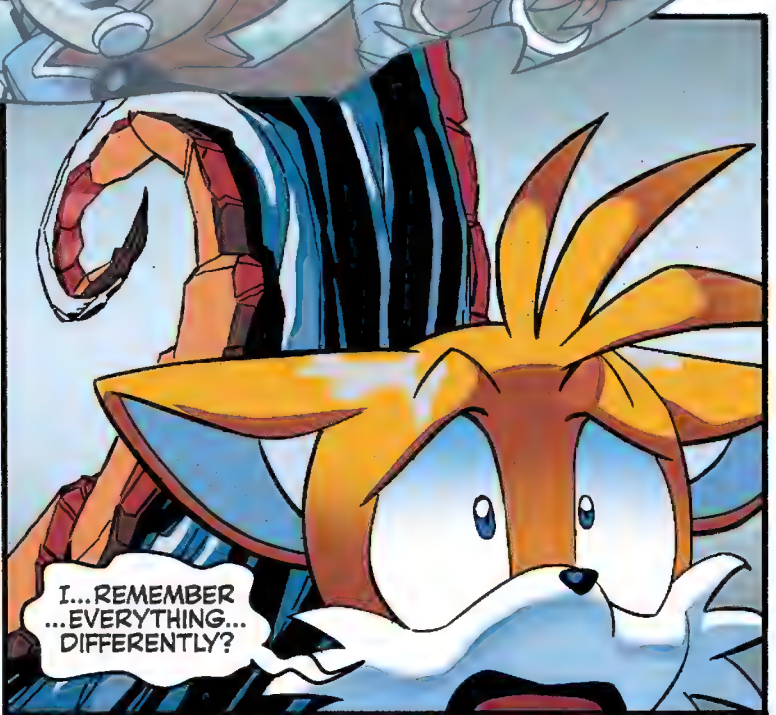
!kvr!@
W@1T
!shhk!@

HOLD ON, I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIX...

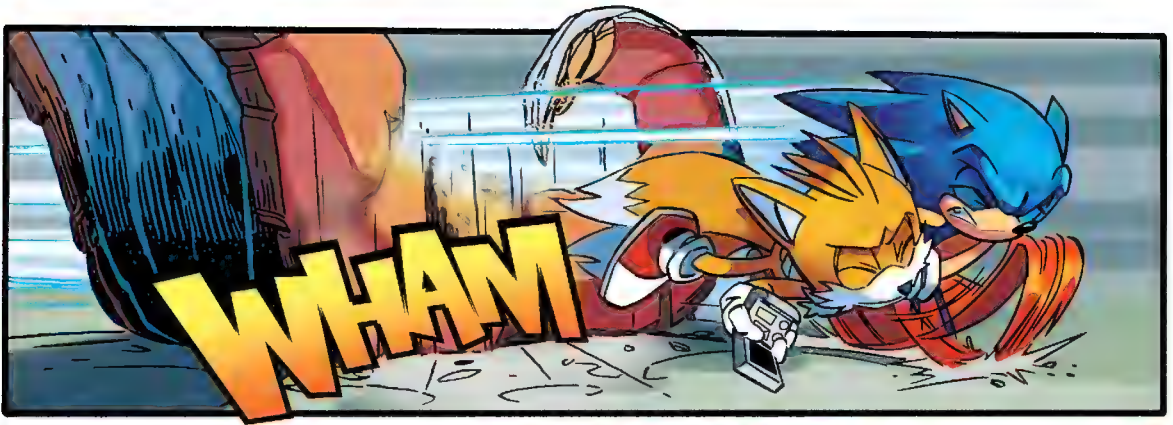




...ALL THAT... ALL THAT HAPPENED ...BUT...



I... REMEMBER ...EVERYTHING... DIFFERENTLY?



"...TELLING HIM NOT TO MAKE ANYTHING SO CREEPY AGAIN!"

EFRIKAN PLAINS

≡KOFF!≡
≡KOFF!≡

DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS

I HATE THAT HEDGE-HOG...

OOF!

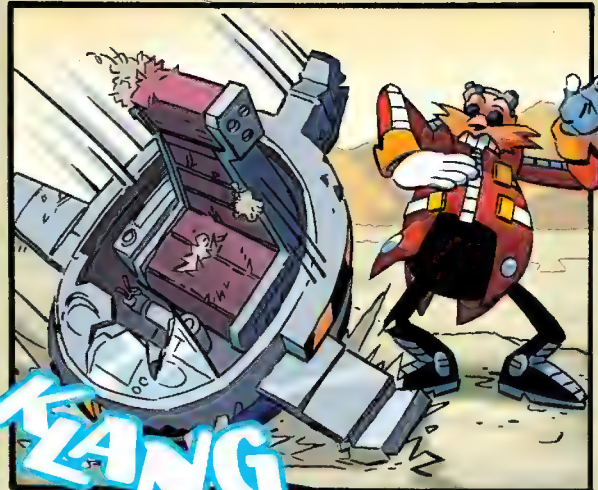
RRGGH--
ORBOT!
CUBOT!
YOU BETTER
HAVE MADE IT
BACK TOO!

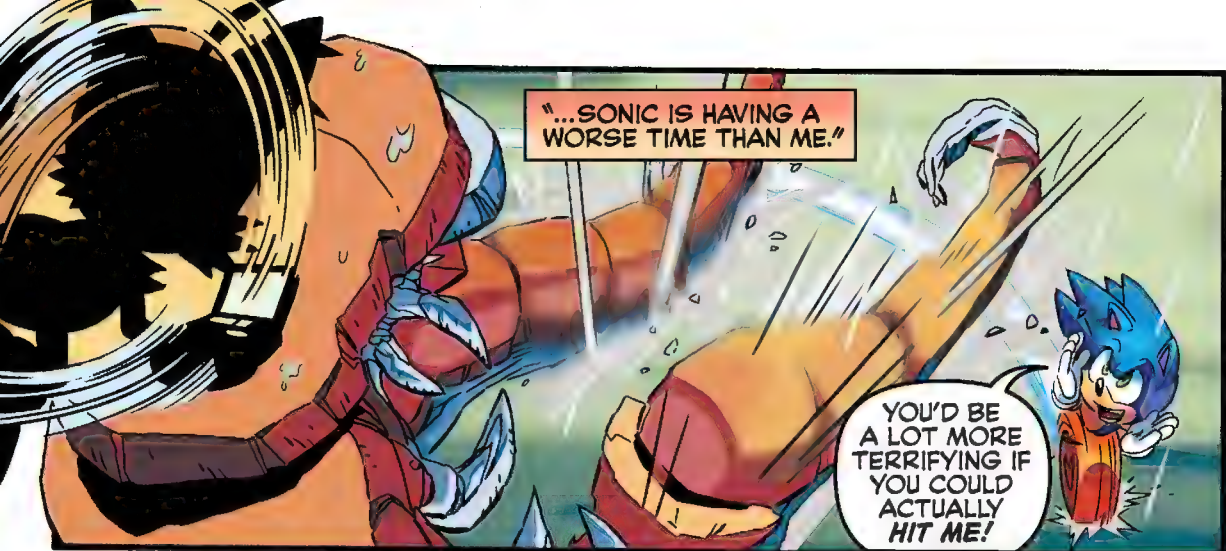
Oh, yes, BOSS.
SURPRISINGLY IN
ONE PIECE.

SPEAK FER
YERSELF I
THINK I
GOT A FEW
SCREWS
LOOSE.

I'VE BEEN
SAYING THAT
FOR A WHILE.

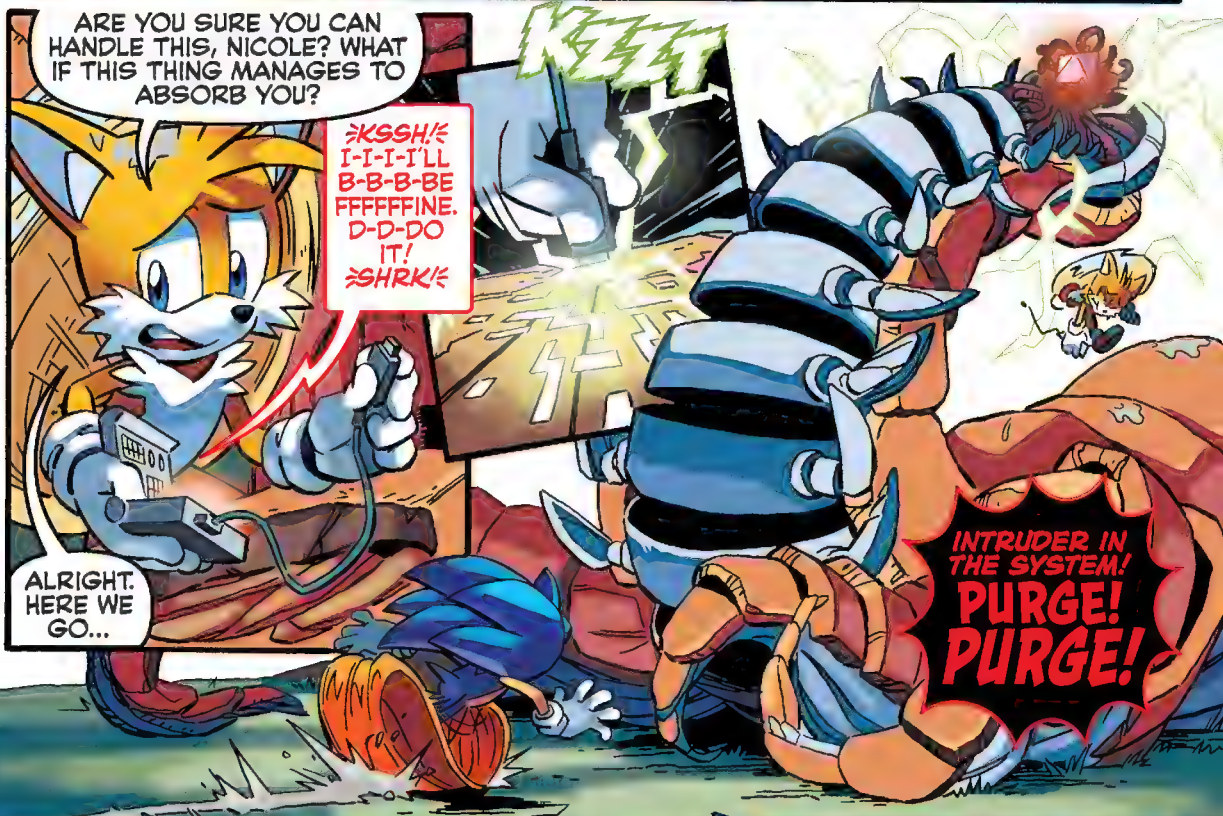
ORBOT
& CUBOT
ROBOT
LACKEYS





"...SONIC IS HAVING A WORSE TIME THAN ME."

YOU'D BE A LOT MORE TERRIFYING IF YOU COULD ACTUALLY HIT ME!



ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THIS, NICOLE? WHAT IF THIS THING MANAGES TO ABSORB YOU?

!KSSH!
I-I-I-I-LL
B-B-B-BE
FFFFFINE.
D-D-DO
IT!
!SHRK!

ALRIGHT, HERE WE GO...

INTRUDER IN THE SYSTEM!
**PURGE!
PURGE!**



KRASH

GOTCHA!

THIS IS WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT?

HOW ARE YOUR SYSTEMS, NICOLE?

DID ANY OF TAILS DOLL'S CODING GET BACK INTO YOU?

N-N-NO ERROR. FFFFINE.

OKAY, SO WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO KEEP THIS GUY FROM GETTING BIG AND UGLY AGAIN?

JUST DISABLE HIS CONTROL GEM.

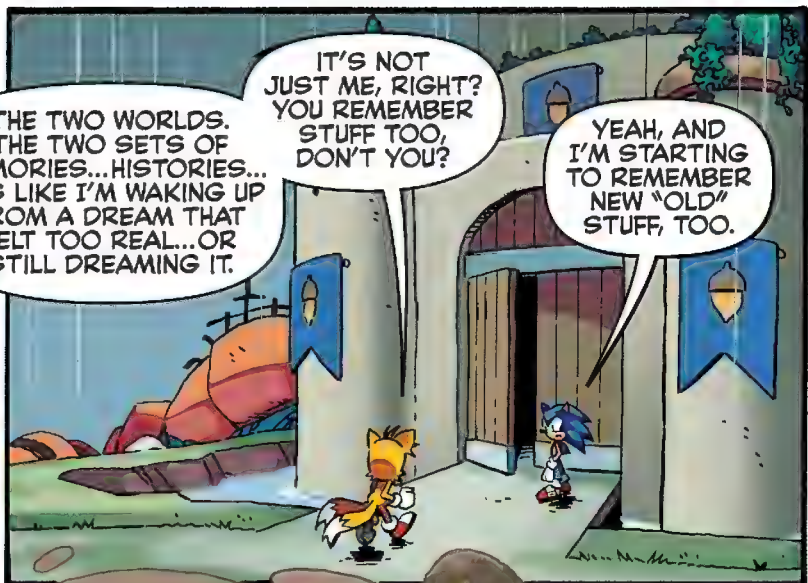
COOL. CAN-DO.

SNAP

THUNK



OKAY, THAT SETTLES ONE BIT OF WEIRDNESS FOR TODAY. TIME TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT CRISIS.



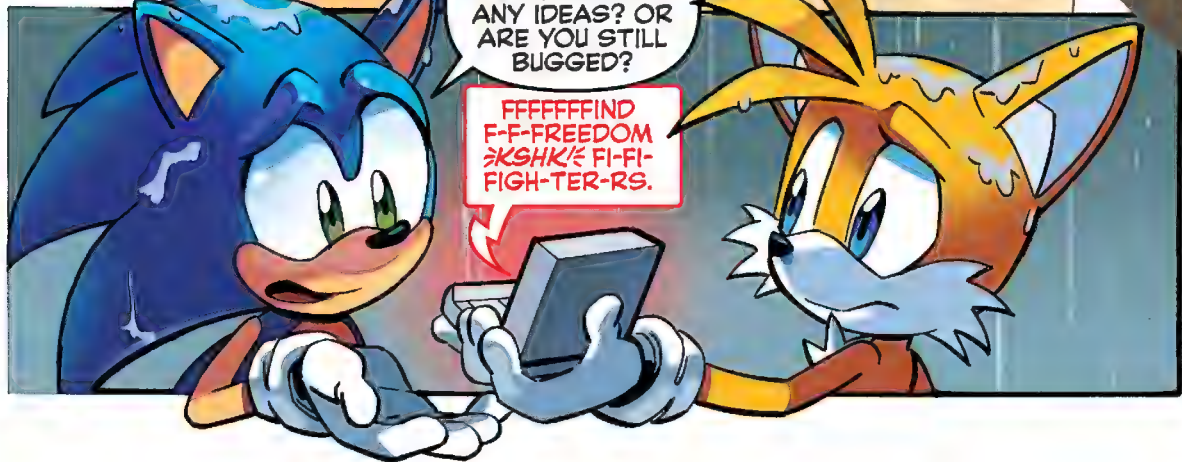
THE TWO WORLDS. THE TWO SETS OF MEMORIES... HISTORIES... IT'S LIKE I'M WAKING UP FROM A DREAM THAT FELT TOO REAL... OR STILL DREAMING IT.

IT'S NOT JUST ME, RIGHT? YOU REMEMBER STUFF TOO, DON'T YOU?

YEAH, AND I'M STARTING TO REMEMBER NEW 'OLD' STUFF, TOO.

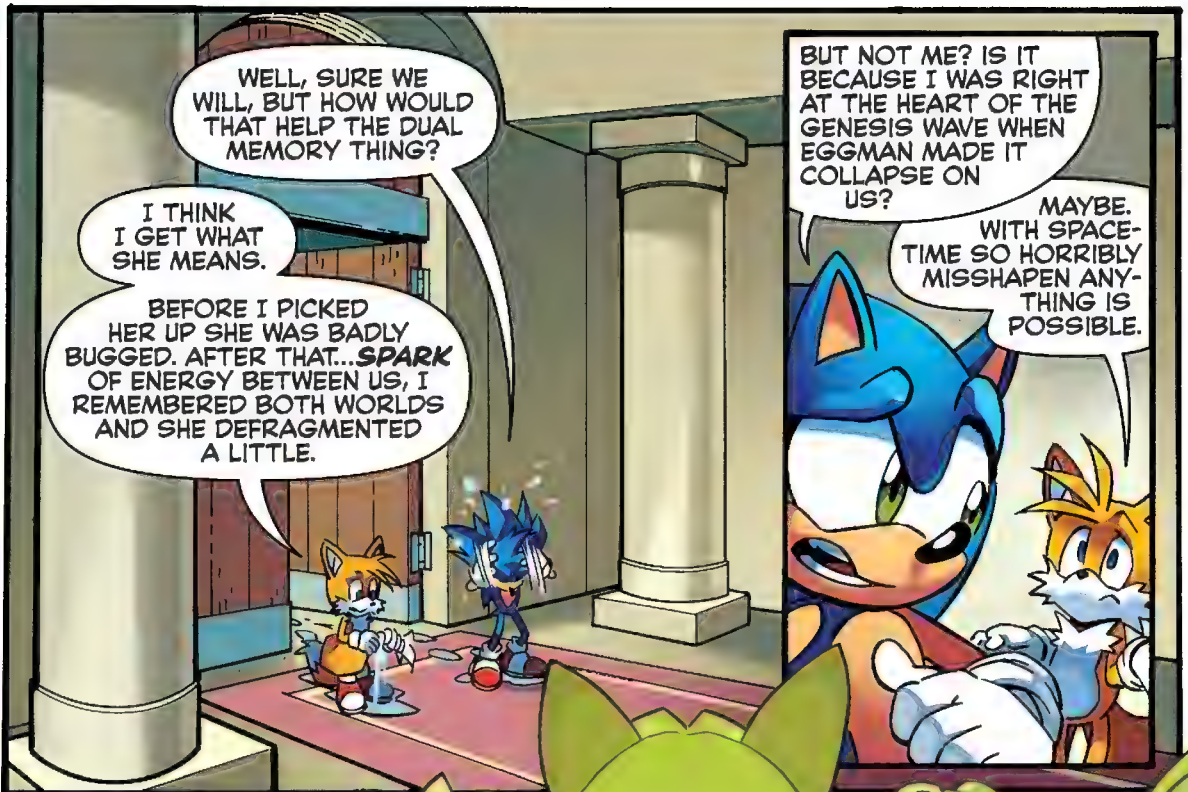


LIKE, I REMEMBER CERTAIN THINGS HAPPENING. BUT SOME OF THEM FEEL LIKE I GOT THE DETAILS WRONG...



NICOLE, YOU'RE CRAZY-SMART-- ANY IDEAS? OR ARE YOU STILL BUGGED?

FFFFFIND F-F-FREEDOM ~~JKSHK~~'S FI-FI-FIGH-TER-RS.



WELL, SURE WE WILL, BUT HOW WOULD THAT HELP THE DUAL MEMORY THING?

I THINK I GET WHAT SHE MEANS.

BEFORE I PICKED HER UP SHE WAS BADLY BUGGED. AFTER THAT...*SPARK* OF ENERGY BETWEEN US, I REMEMBERED BOTH WORLDS AND SHE DEFRAGMENTED A LITTLE.

BUT NOT ME? IS IT BECAUSE I WAS RIGHT AT THE HEART OF THE GENESIS WAVE WHEN EGGMAN MADE IT COLLAPSE ON US?

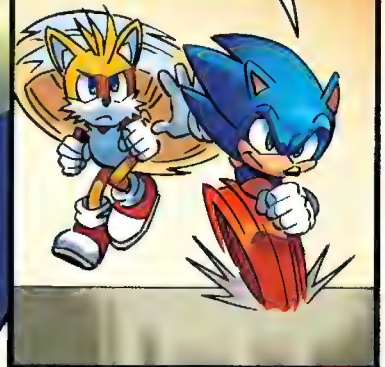
MAYBE. WITH SPACE-TIME SO HORRIBLY MISSHAPEN ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU'RE THE EPICENTER OF ALL THIS, MAYBE THE OTHERS AND I CAN REACT WITH NICOLE SINCE WE ALL HAVE SUCH A *CLOSE CONNECTION* TO YOU. WE'D NEED TO FIND THE OTHERS TO TEST THIS OUT, OF COURSE.

AS FOR NAUGUS, HE WAS PRETTY MESSED UP BY THE *FIRST* GENESIS WAVE. I BET HE INTERACTED WITH NICOLE AND THAT'S WHY HE FREAKED OUT AND RAN OFF.

I KNOW IT SHOOK *ME* PRETTY BADLY.

WELL, HE'S A PROBLEM THAT SOLVED HIMSELF FOR ONCE. WE NEED TO FIND THE REST OF THE TEAM, SO LET'S HURRY UP AND FINISH SAVING THE KING.



SOON--UNDER
CASTLE ACORN

THIS IS SOME
SERIOUS HARDWARE.
NAUGUS PRIDES HIM-
SELF ON HIS MAGIC.
WHERE DID HE
GET THIS?

NICOLE!

THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE
SAFE! DID NAUGUS GIVE YOU
ANY TROUBLE?

BOYS!

KER-KLAKK

F-F-FIRST W-WAVE ZZZT! POWERLESS-LESS-LESS.
ST-ST-STOLE FROM EGG-G-G-G-MAN, WHO KZZT!
T-T-T-TAILS D-D-D-DOLL.

NOPE, JUST A LAUGH.
HE BAILED BEFORE WE
COULD KICK HIM OUT.

THE COWARD.
NO WORRIES, I'M
SURE YOU'LL FIND
HIM IN TIME.

I'M JUST THANKFUL TO BE OUT OF
THAT OTHER DREADFUL CELL. I DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHY WE HAVE THIS
OLD DUNGEON STILL!

I APOLOGIZE FOR GETTING YOU CAPTURED,
NICOLE. HAD I NOT DELAYED YOU, YOUR
PHYSICAL FORM WOULDN'T HAVE RUN OUT
AND...HELLO?

SHE'S DEALING WITH A...
SYSTEM ERROR, SIRE.
NAUGUS MUST'VE DONE
SOMETHING TO HER.

THEN I'M
DOUBLY SORRY,
DEAR GIRL!

IT'S WEIRD SEEING KING ACORN SO HEALTHY,
LIVELY...AND NOT A TOTAL JERK. MAYBE SOME
GOOD WILL COME FROM THIS WORLD-
CHANGE AFTER ALL!

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU IN REPAIRING THE DAMAGE?

CAN YOU PUT US IN CONTACT WITH ROTOR AND THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS? WE...UH ...KINDA LOST CONTACT WITH EVERYBODY.

NOT DIRECTLY, BUT I CAN POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

SOON--THE ROYAL STUDY

I KNOW YOU WERE ALL WORKING ON A TOP-SECRET PROJECT. THE ONLY COMMUNIQUE I RECEIVED WAS FROM ROTOR, AND WAS **HIGHLY-ENCRYPTED**.

LOOKS LIKE A SET OF COORDINATES TO ME.

GREAT! LET'S GET MOVING THEN. THE TORNADO IS PARKED AT THE ROYAL AIRSTRIP, RIGHT?

RIGHT...I **THINK**.

BOYS, IF I COULD TROUBLE YOU FOR ONE MORE THING...

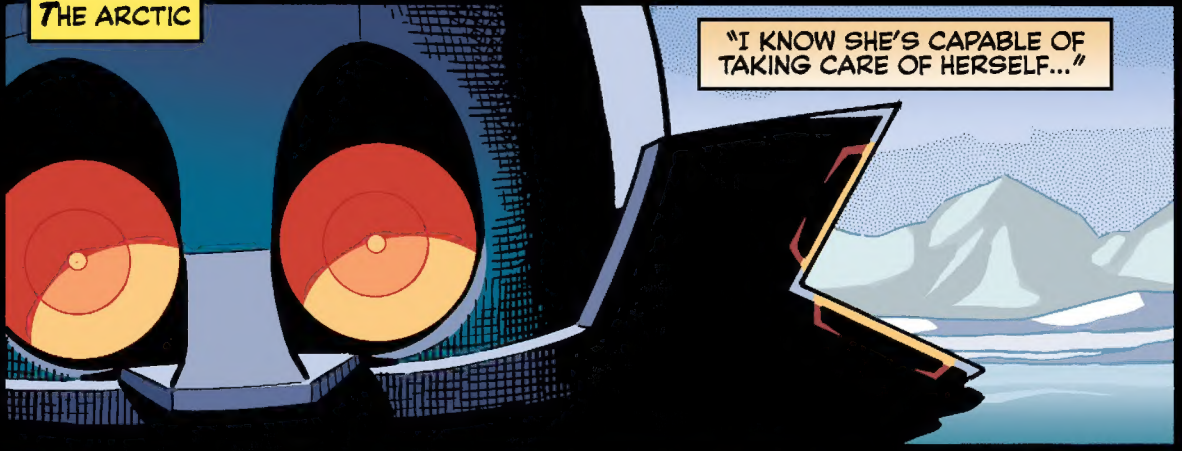
SURE THING, KINGY.

WHILE I WOULD NOT ASK YOU TO PRIORITIZE YOUR FRIENDS...

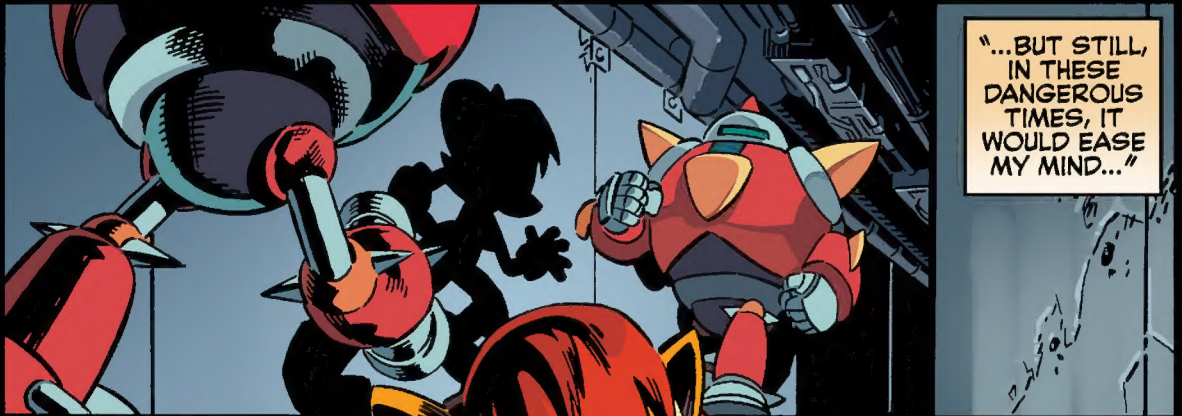
...I ASK YOU TO LET ME KNOW THE **MOMENT** YOU'VE FOUND MY DAUGHTER.

THE ARCTIC

"I KNOW SHE'S CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF HERSELF..."



"...BUT STILL, IN THESE DANGEROUS TIMES, IT WOULD EASE MY MIND..."



"...TO KNOW MY SALLY IS SAFE."

A NEW WORLD DISCOVERED! MYSTERIES ABOUND!



AND SALLY NO LONGER A ROBOT?! THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES NEXT TIME AS WE BEGIN THE...

COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!!



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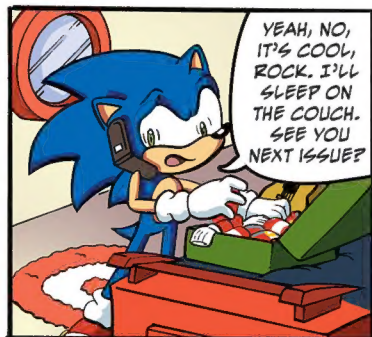
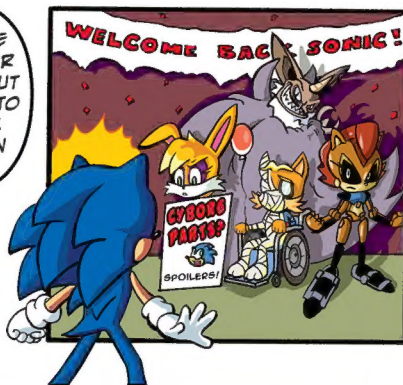


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AHHH... THE CROSSOVER WAS FUN, BUT I'M READY TO GET BACK TO MY OWN BOOK!



YEAH, NO, IT'S COOL, ROCK. I'LL SLEEP ON THE COUCH. SEE YOU NEXT ISSUE?



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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I'm gonna make this nice and short for this month's Sonic-Grams as I'm at a loss for words after reading last issue. I would like to thank you for this epic 12 part saga, Sonic & Mega Man™ "Worlds Collide".

You're welcome! Thank YOU for reading it! :)

First of all, the whole story has been awesome. Every single panel from each and every page and issue has been outstanding, mind-blowing and packed with surprises around each and every corner.

You got that right! "Worlds Collide" was packed with all sorts of goodies, even little details in the backgrounds! Did you spot 'em all?! Let us know! Also, if you missed the epicness of the Sonic and Mega Man crossover, fear not, because volume one is available for pre-order now!

Also, this has to be my second time writing up a letter since #247. I hope for the best in future times for both Archie and the comic itself.

Until then, Your blue blur/duo fan, Walter S. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

P.S: Keep up the good work all of you. You're doing great so far!

Thanks for writing in and for the kind words, Walter!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I love your comics! I'm a big fan of Metal Sonic, along with the whole Metal series too! Thanks for all of the hard work on the comics,guys! They are so awesome!!

Your "I love your comics" fan, Beau F. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Beau! Keep your eyes peeled for more "Metal" action in upcoming issues!

Dear 'Sonic-Grams,'

I've really been enjoying the crossover so far and I can't wait for "Countdown to Chaos"! The Freedom Fighters look awesome! I have a fan art submission for the "Sonic the Hedgehog" comic book.

Thanks! Fan art you say? Is that your work I see on the previous page?!

I'm really looking forward to the new stories Ian Flynn is bringing to us as well as Tracy Yardley's "Pirate Plunder Panic" story in Sonic Universe! Keep bringing us awesome stories of our favorite universe and stay way past cool, Sonic-Grams!

Lefty S. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Lefty!

See ya'll next month for part one of COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!

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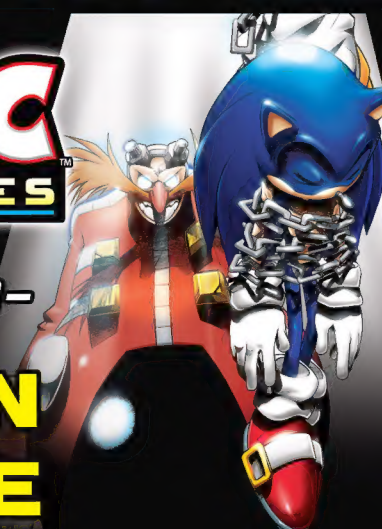
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